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THE HEDGEHOG



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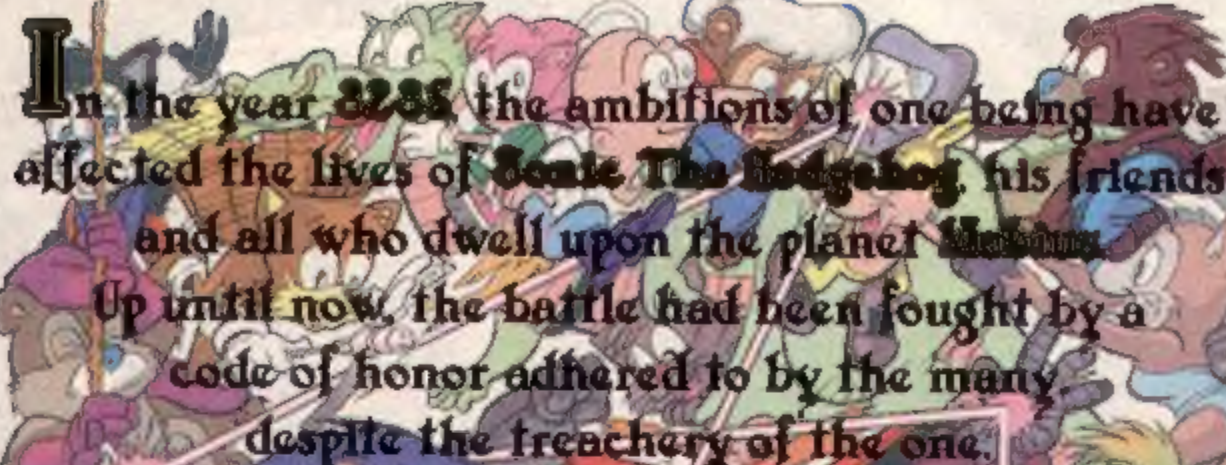
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ENDGAME
PART 4 OF 4



In the year 3235, the ambitions of one being have affected the lives of **Scout The Hedgehog**, his friends and all who dwell upon the planet **Mars**. Up until now, the battle had been fought by a code of honor adhered to by the many, despite the treachery of the one.

But that was then. This is now.

Having lost his beloved by means most foul and framed for her apparent murder, Sonle now finds himself fighting for the redemption against friend and foe alike, attempting to prove his innocence and ferret out the real villains in the process.

After surviving a crash landing on his way to the **Devil's Gulag**, a relentless pursuit by **Geoffrey St. John** and his crack troops, eventually making his way to **The Floating Island** with the assistance of the gentle dragon **Dulox**, Sonic has come seeking the help of its guardian, **Knuckles The Echidna**.

Now, as the players assemble for the final act, they will all discover there is nothing more dangerous than a **hedgehog with a sword**.

JULIAN,
SON OF IVO
PREPARE TO BE
FINISHED!

I'M AFRAID
I BADLY MIS-
CALCULATED!

THE SCHEME
WAS PERFECT, BUT
THE TIMING
WAS--

DID
YOU GET HIM,
LONDO?

I DON'T
SEE HIM,
JAKKAR!

HE'LL WANT
OUR HEADS IF
WE CAN'T BRING
BACK JULIAN'S
THAT'S FOR
CERTAIN!

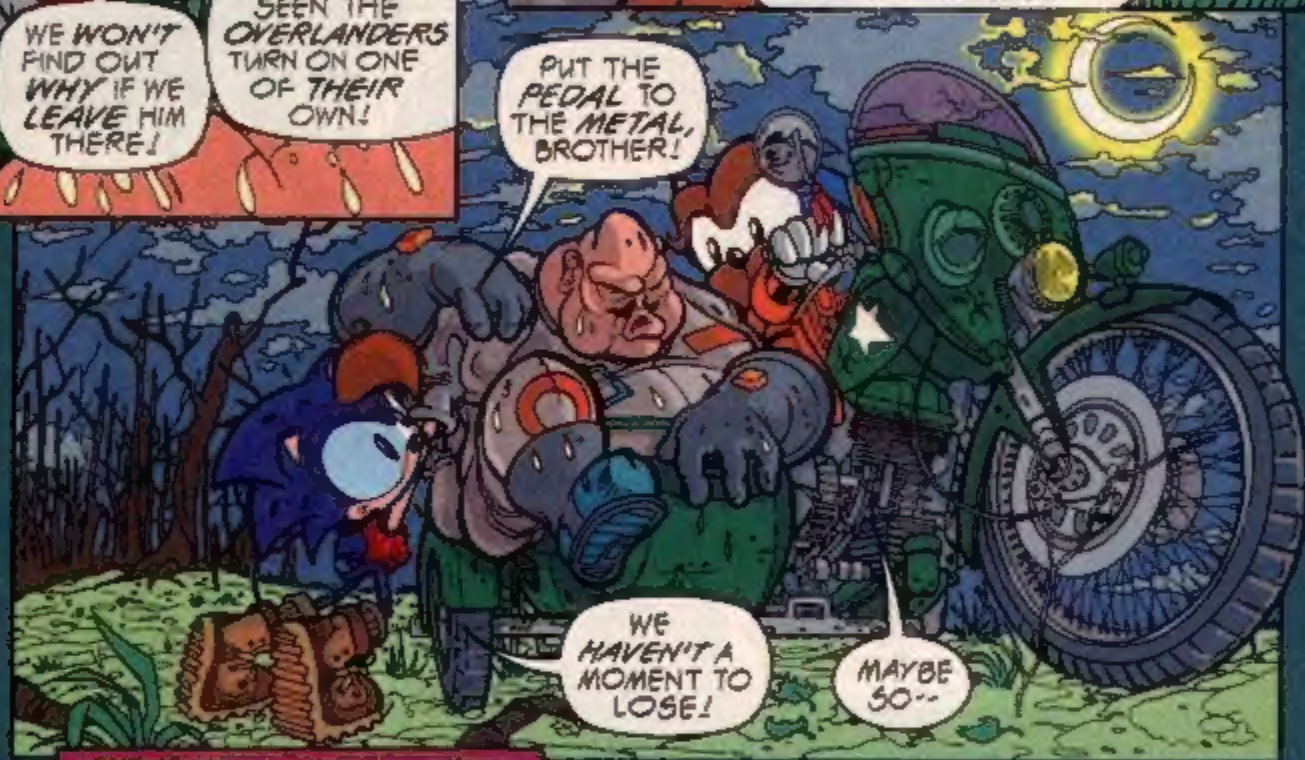
OOOF!

THIS
WAY!

HE MUST BE
STILL RUNNING
SOMEWHERE UP
AHEAD!

YOU KNOW
THE MINISTER
WON'T TOLERATE
FAILURE!

BUB
BUB
BUB



--BUT I CAN'T HELP HAVING A NASTY FEELING ABOUT OUR CARGO!



--AS MY PEOPLE RELY MORE ON THEIR SIZE TO INTIMIDATE THEIR OPPONENTS, THEY'RE ACTUALLY QUITE VULNERABLE TO A DIRECT ATTACK--

--ESPECIALLY WHEN OUTHNUMBERED!

SINCE YOU KNOW THEIR WEAKNESSES BEST--



"...IT SEEMS YOU'RE THE LOGICAL CHOICE
TO LEAD THE TROOPS, WARLORD JULIAN!"

AT MY
COMMAND--

THIS IS
INSANE, JULES!
HIM LEADING
US!

I'M SURE KING
ACORN HAS HIS
REASONS,
CHARLES!

"FOR THE
KINGDOM!"

THE-MONITOR-
READINGS-ARE-
SHOWING-THE-
DOCTOR-MORE-
EXCITED-THAN-
USUAL!

IT-MUST-BE-
A-REALLY-GOOD
DREAM!

UNFORTUNATELY--

--IT'S-TIME-TO
AWAKEN-HIM, CARE-
TO-DO-THE-
HONORS?

CRUSH
THEM
ALL!!!

The Big Goodbye

LISTEN UP, KNUX!
I NEED YOUR HELP TO
CLEAR MY NAME! I'M
BEING FRAMED!

AS PERSONAL GUARD
TO KING ACORN OF MOBIUS,
I DEPUTIZE AND COMMAND
YOU TO HELP ME BRING
PRINCESS SALLY'S ASSASSIN
TO JUSTICE!

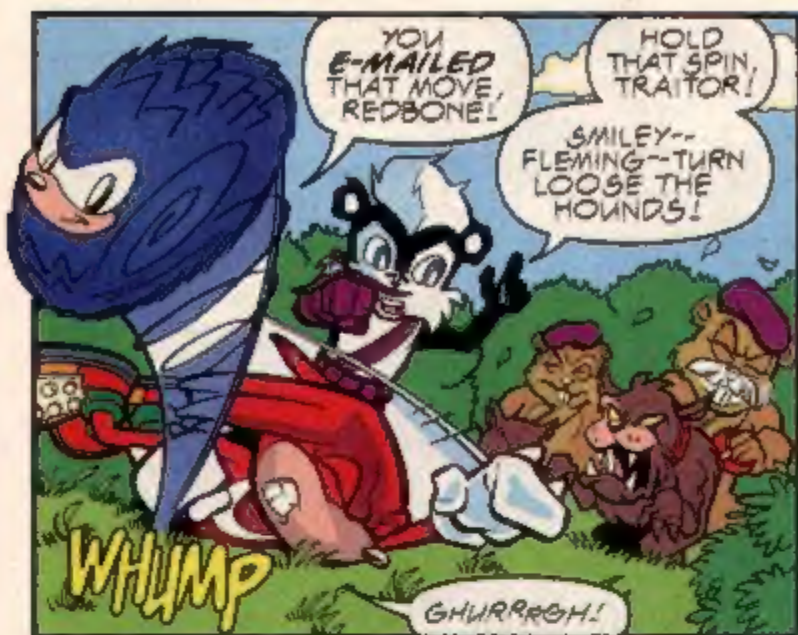
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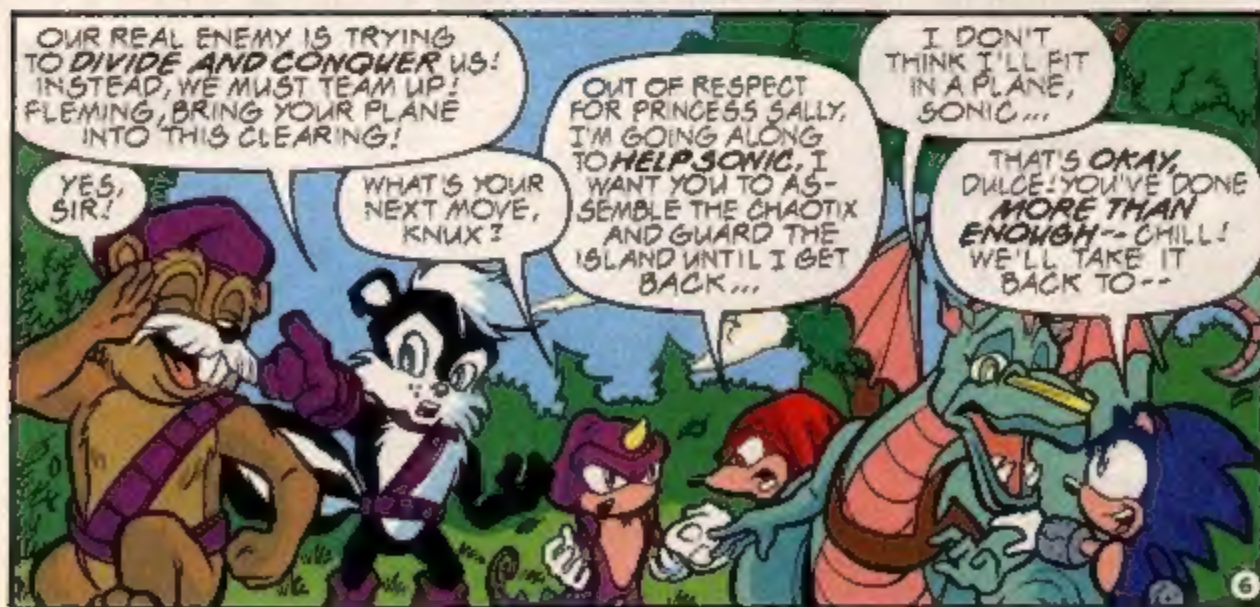
Puh-PRINCESS
SALLY--
DEAD?!

I TOLD
HER YOU WERE
NO GOOD--
ARRRR!

NO!
YOU GOTTA
BELIEVE ME...
DON'T--

CAN'T GET
A CLEAR SHOT
AT THE
HEDGEHOG...





"--KNOTHOLE!"

MOVE-
ALONG!

YOU-WILL-
ALL-BE-
ROBOTICIZED!

MECHA-
SLAVERY-IS
INEVITABLE--
ESCAPE-IS
IMPOSSIBLE!

WE FREEDOM
FIGHTERS HAVE
DONE THE
IMPOSSIBLE
BEFORE!

LET'S GET TO THE
BATHYSPPHERE AND THE
SEA FOX! WE'VE GOT
TO GET HELP FROM
SOME OF THE OTHER
FREEDOM FIGHTER
GROUPS!

I CAN'T BELIEVE
THAT ROBOTNIK
FOUND OUR
SECRET VILLAGE
LOCATION!

THE WAY THINGS
HAVE BEEN GOING
LATELY, NOTHING
SURPRISES ME.

AT LEAST HE
DOESN'T KNOW
ABOUT OUR
UNDERGROUND
CANAL SYSTEM
AND WATER
VEHICLES.

HOLY
ABALONE!

SLIP! THEN
AGAIN, HE
MIGHT!

WELL, WELL--
IF IT ISN'T BLUBBER-
BREATH AND THE TWO-
TAILED FREAK!

GAME OVER,
FREEDOM FIGHTERS.
BACK UPSTAIRS
AND JOIN THE REST
OF THE LOSERS!

SURRENDER!
YOU ARE NOW
PRISONERS
OF--

"IVO ROBOTNIK IN ROBOTROPOLIS
CALLING CROCBOT'S CRATER IN
DOWNNUNDA..."

COME IN,
CROCBOT!

WHAT?!

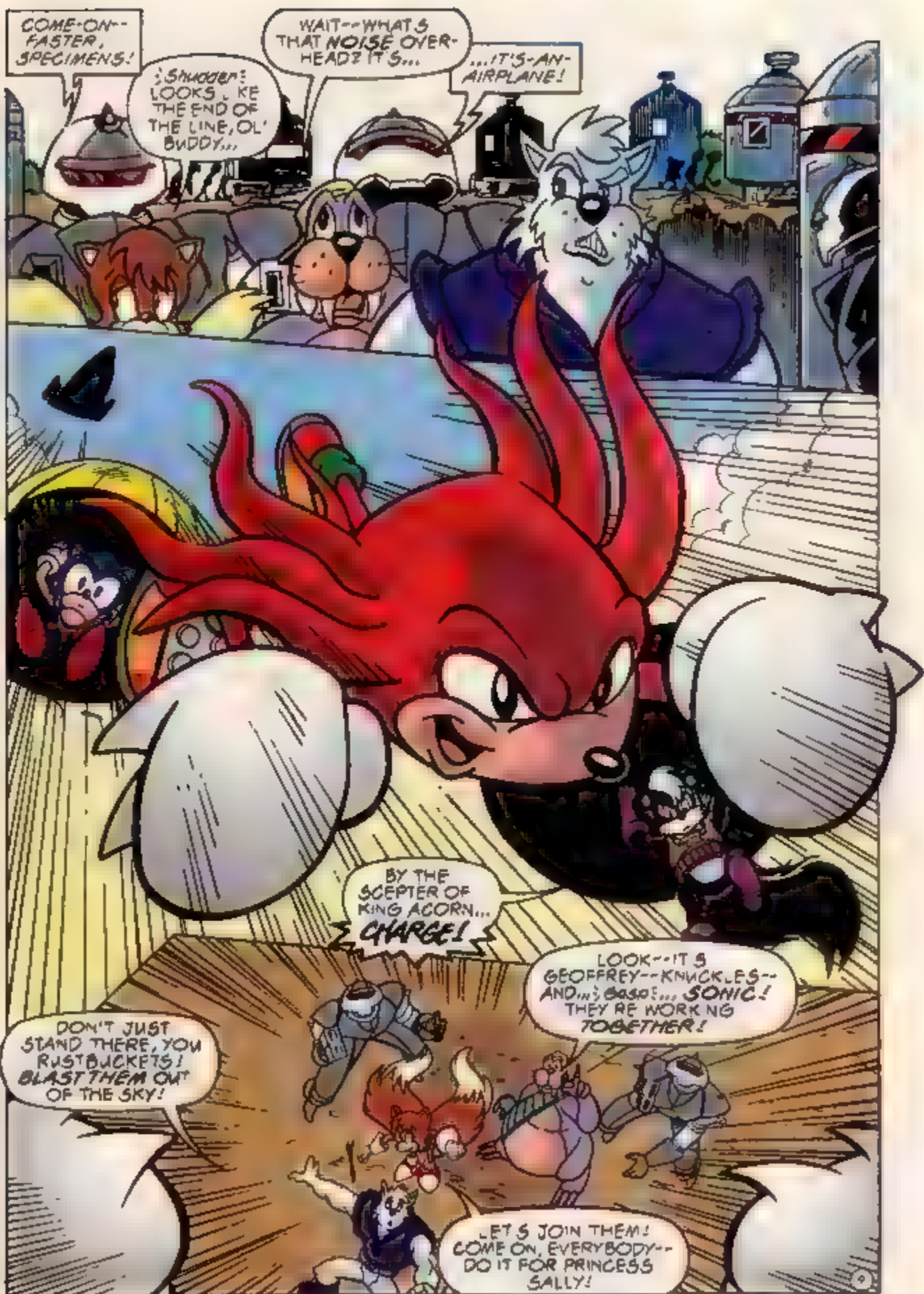
LOOK, I'M DEALING
WITH AN UPRISING HERE
AT THE PRISON CAMP!
THE MINERAL ORE
WE'VE MINED IS ALREADY
ON ITS WAY TO YOU!

AMMM... THAT'S
ALL I WANTED TO
KNOW--ROBOTNIK,
OVER AND
OUT!

HA! ONCE I GET
THE ORE, MY ULTIMATE
ANNIHILATOR WILL
BE OPERATIONAL!

AT WHICH TIME, I
WILL UNLEASH THE
HA'S POWER ON THE
VILLAGE OF KNOTHOLE,
ERASING IT FROM EX-
ISTENCE FOREVER!

I MUST RETURN
TO MY SLUMBER CHAM-
BER BEFORE THE ORE
ARRIVES. I WANT TO BE
WELL RESTED FOR MY
ULTIMATE VICTORY!
HAHAHAHA!



COME-ON--
FASTER,
SPECIMENS!

SHOOB! LOOKS LIKE
THE END OF
THE LINE, OL'
BUDDY...

WAIT--WHAT'S
THAT NOISE OVER-
HEAD? IT'S...

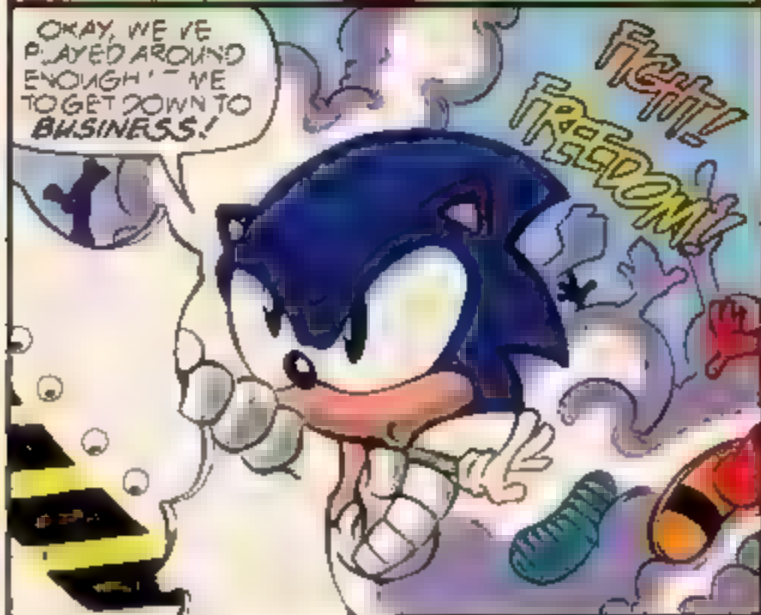
...IT'S-AN-
AIRPLANE!

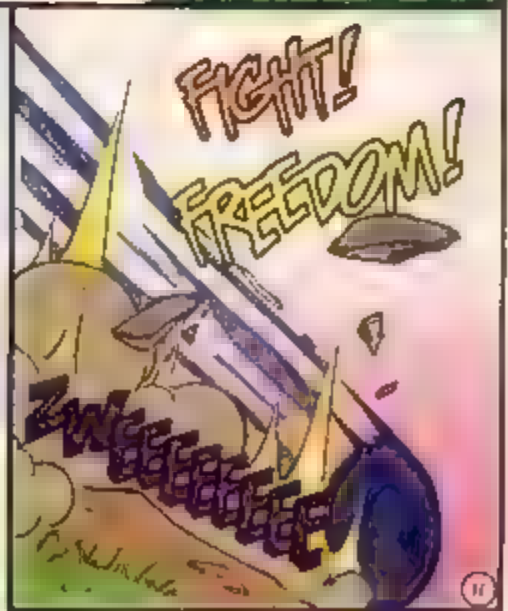
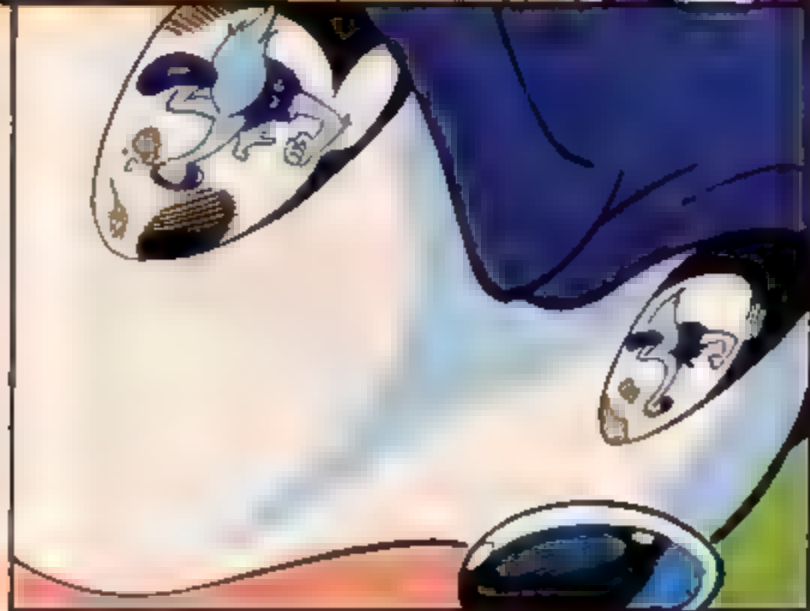
BY THE
SCHEPHER OF
KING ACORN...
CHARGE!

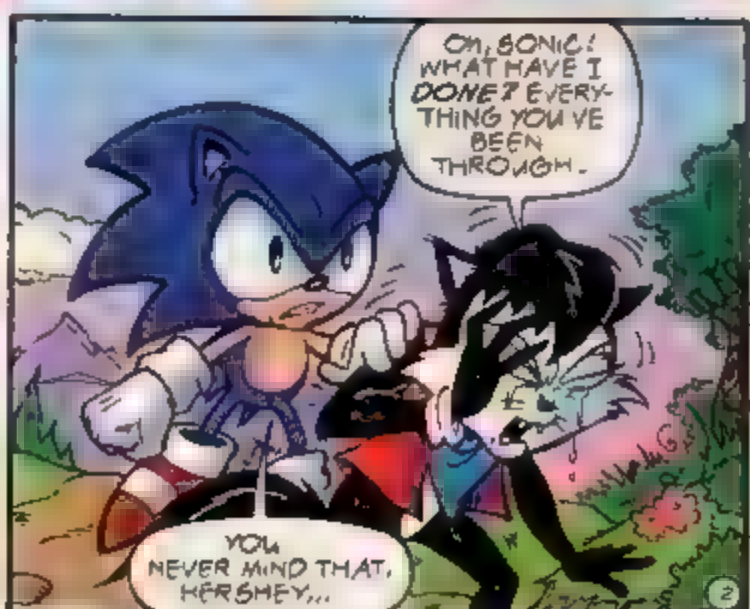
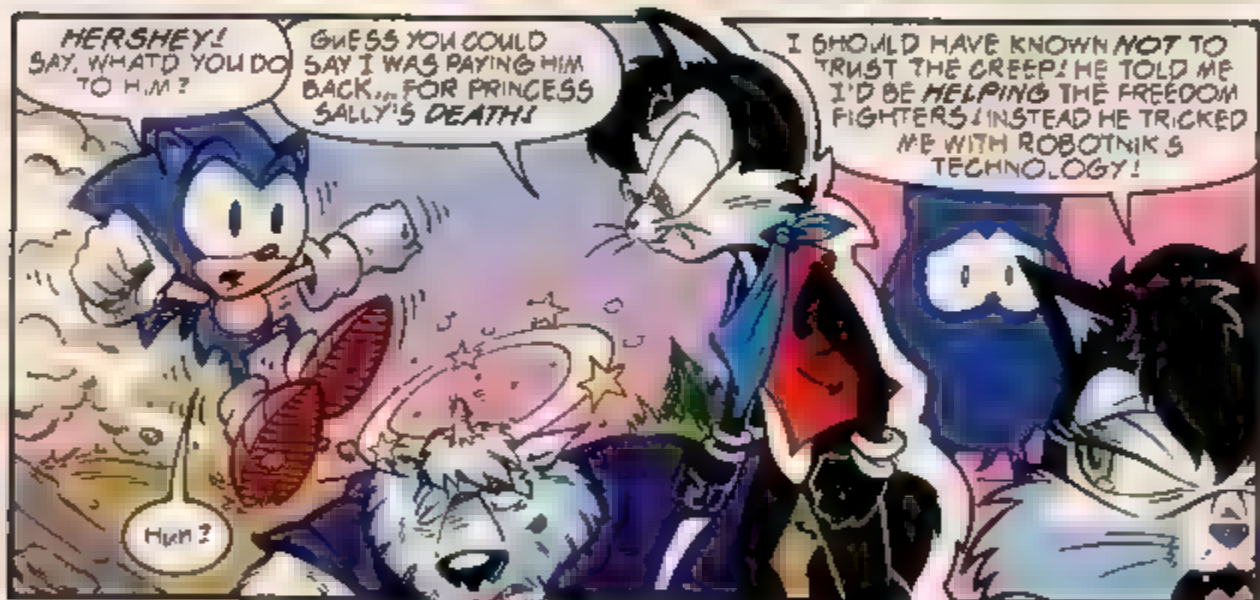
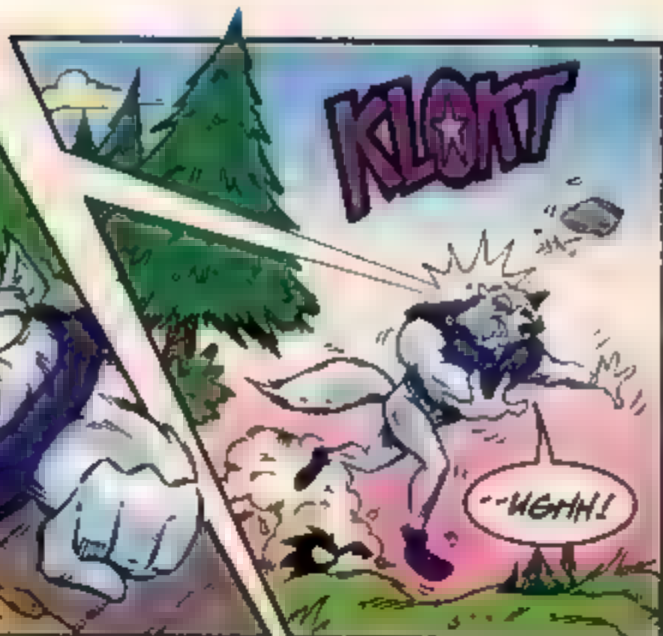
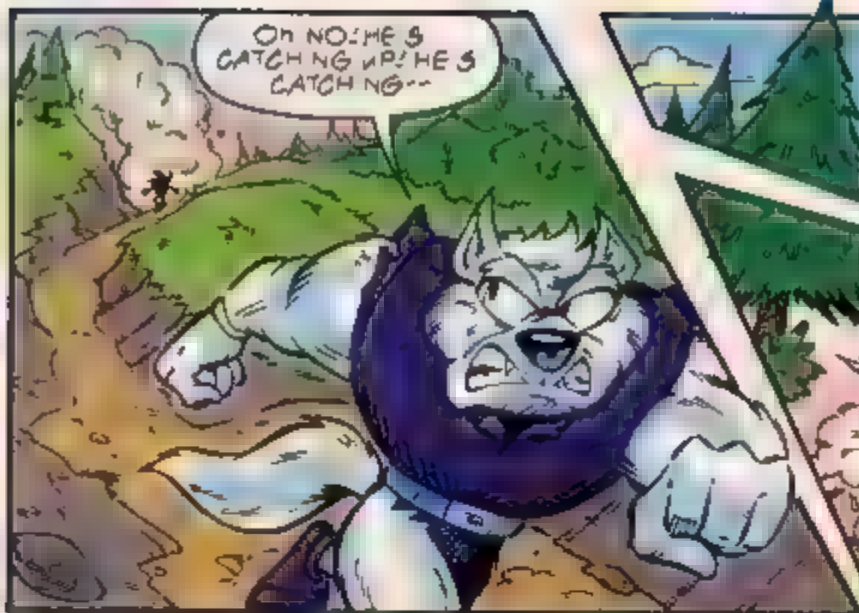
LOOK--IT'S
GEOFFREY--KNUCKLES--
AND...BASS?...**SONIC!**
THEY'RE WORKING
TOGETHER!

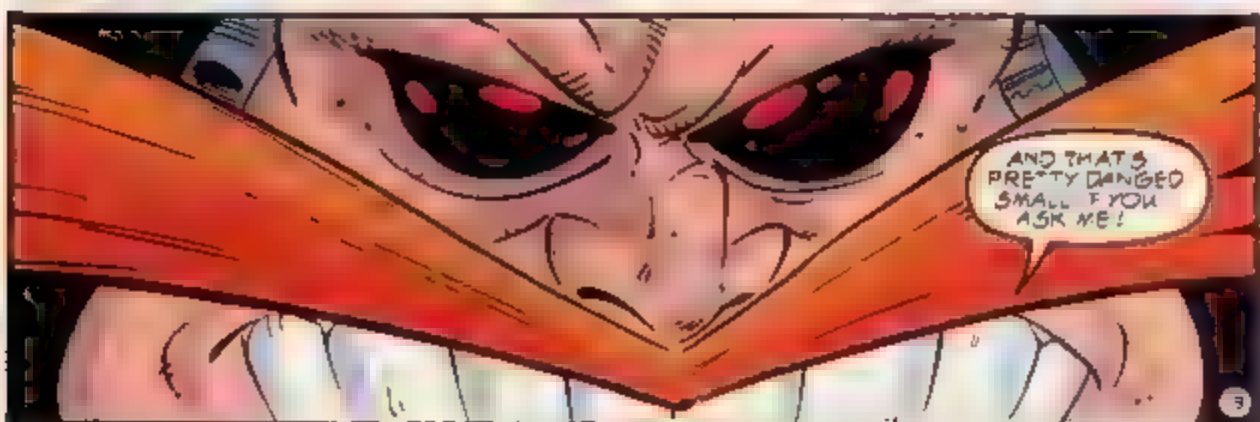
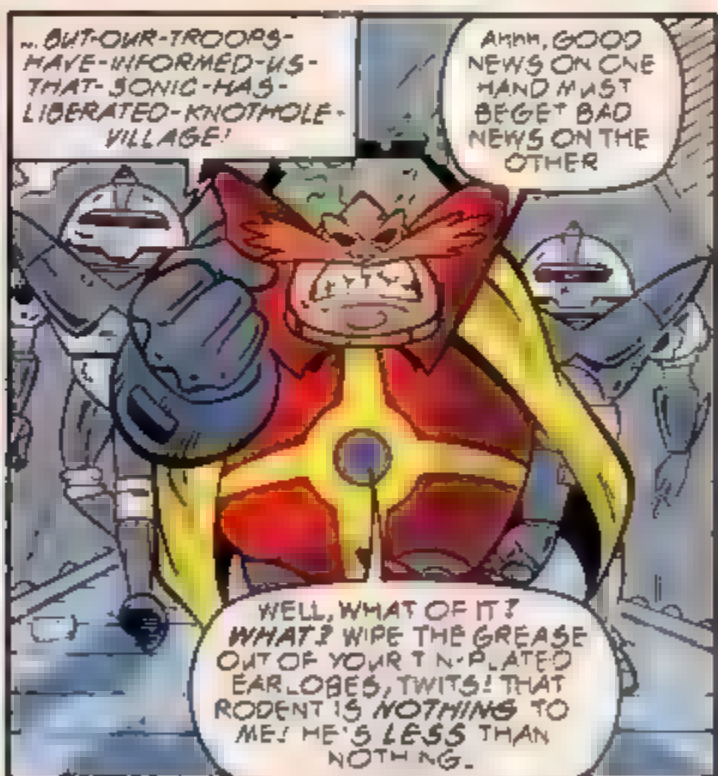
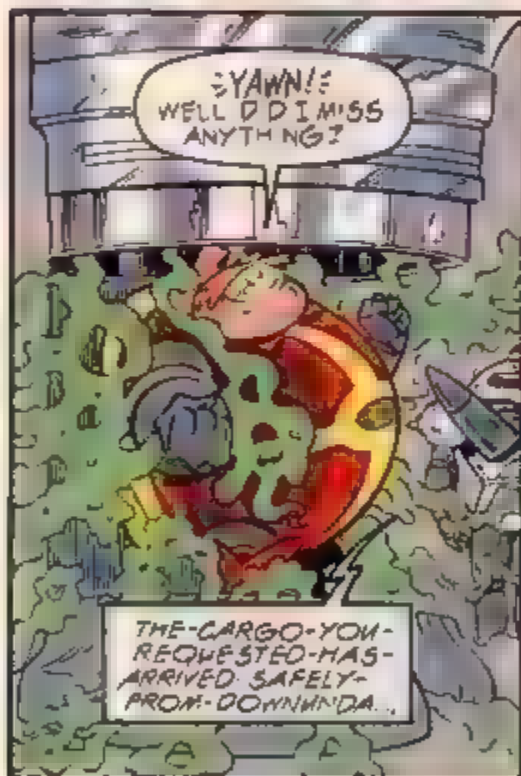
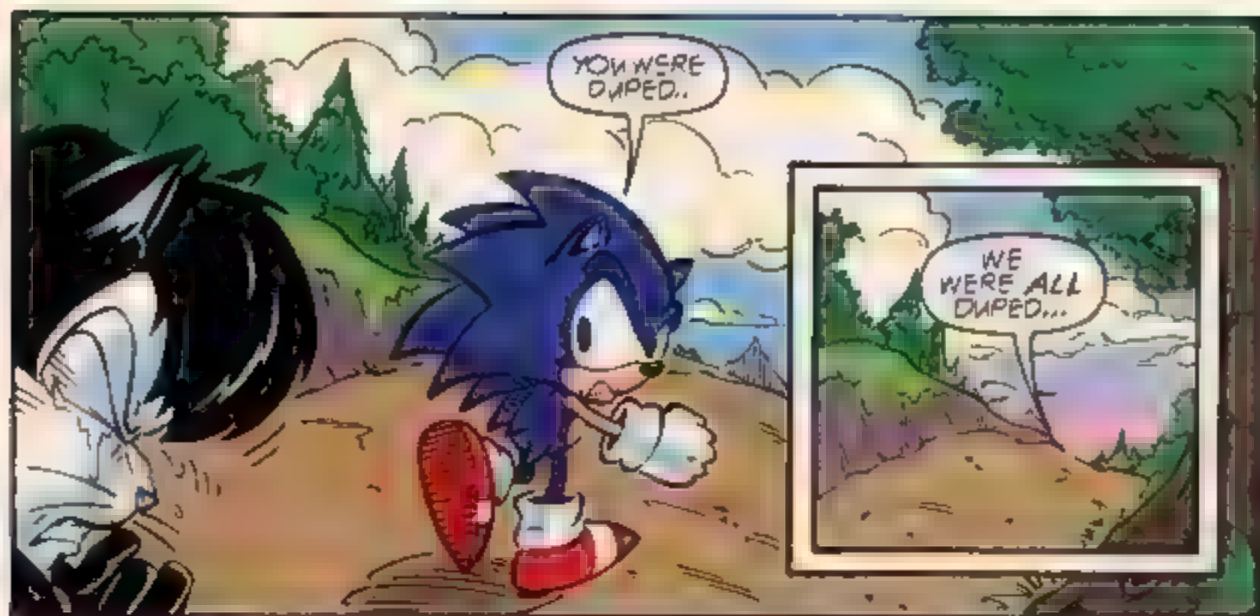
DON'T JUST
STAND THERE, YOU
RUSTBUCKETS!
BLAST THEM OUT
OF THE SKY!

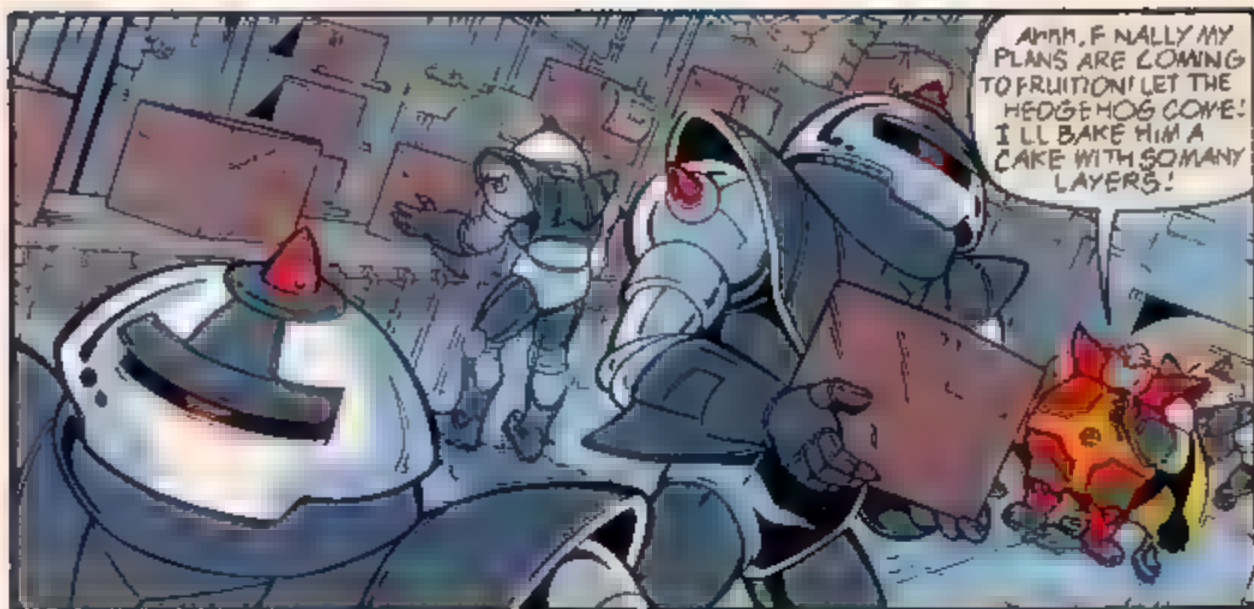
LET'S JOIN THEM!
COME ON, EVERYBODY--
DO IT FOR PRINCESS
SALLY!



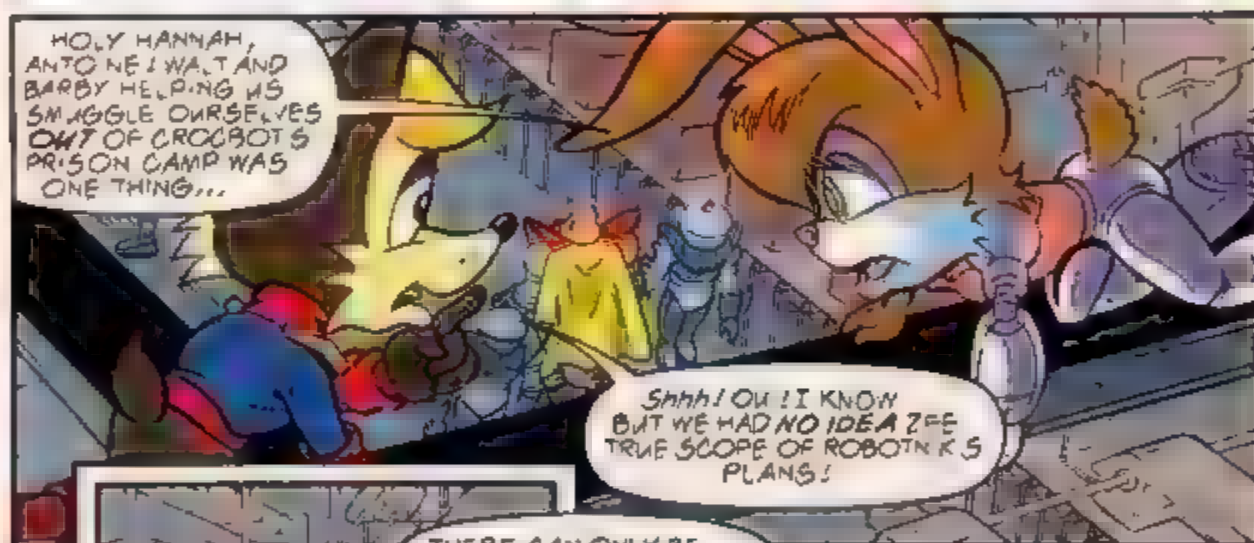






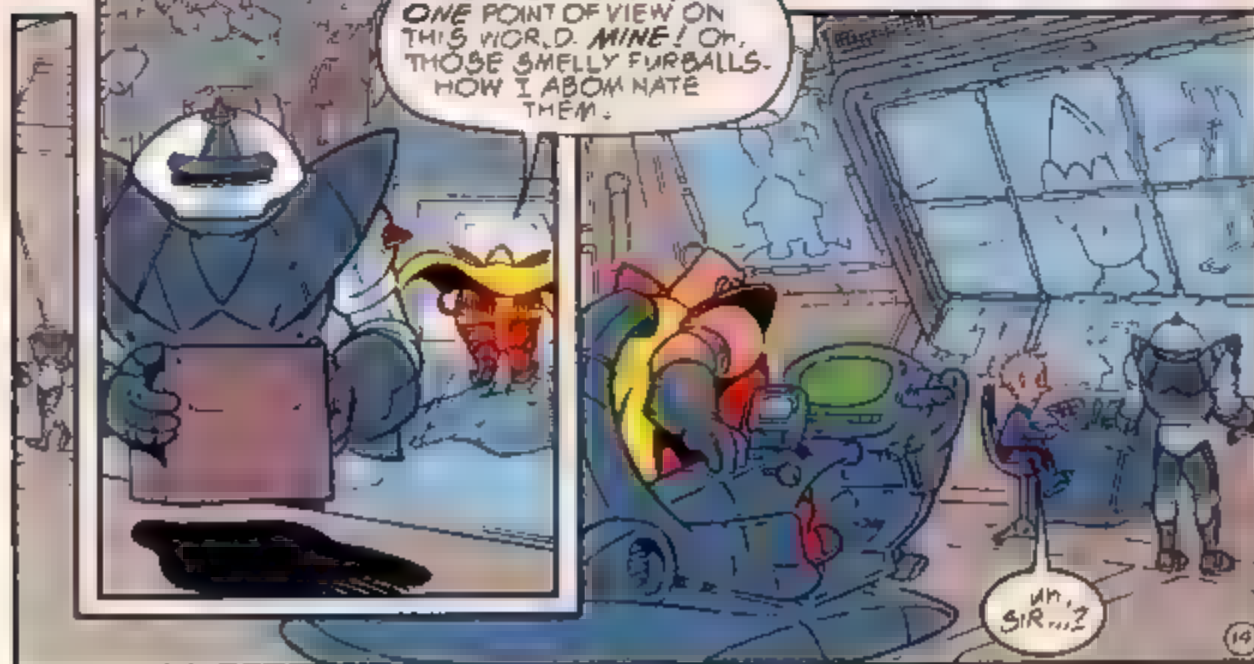


AMMM, FINALLY MY
PLANS ARE COMING
TO FRUITION! LET THE
HEDGEHOG COME!
I'LL BAKE HIM A
CAKE WITH SO MANY
LAYERS!



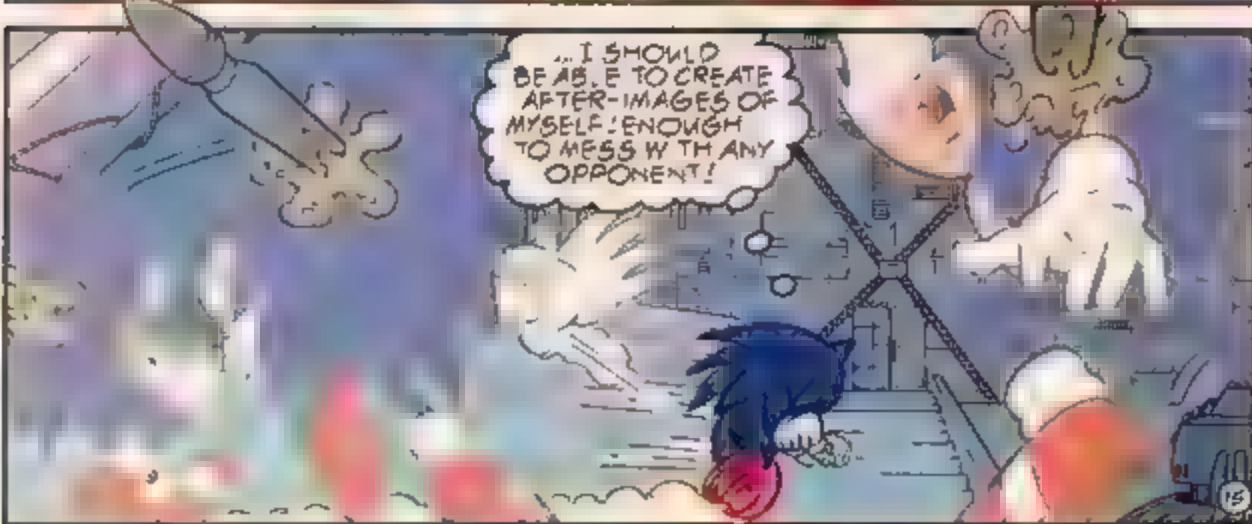
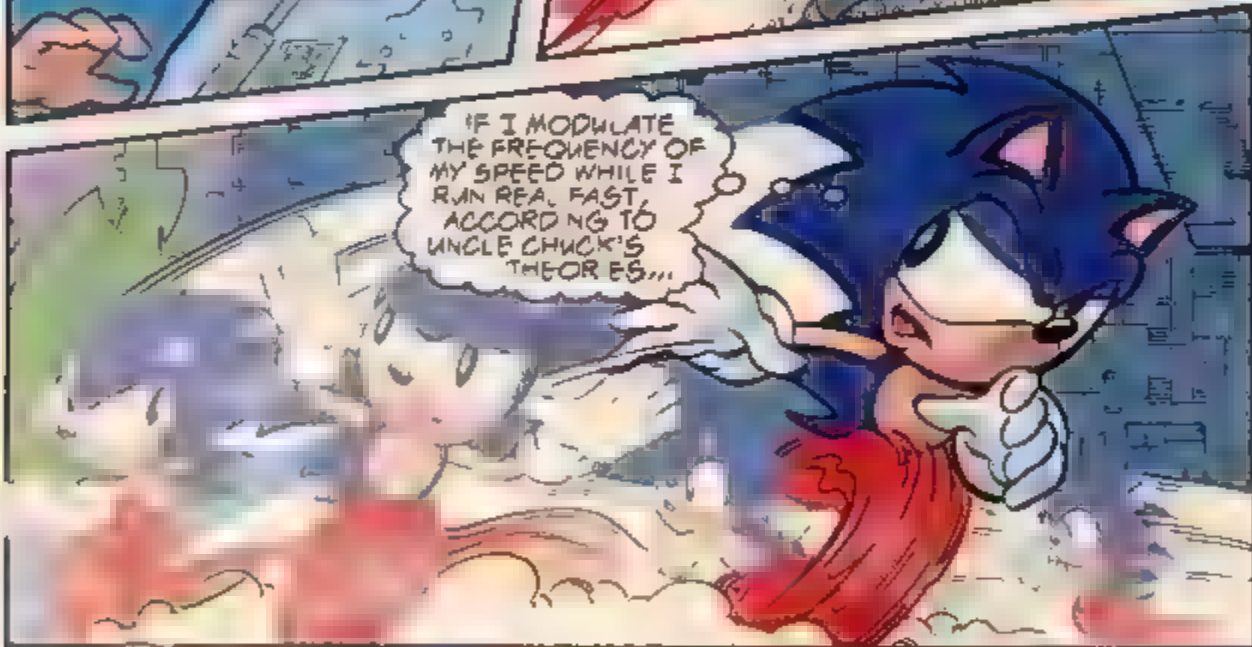
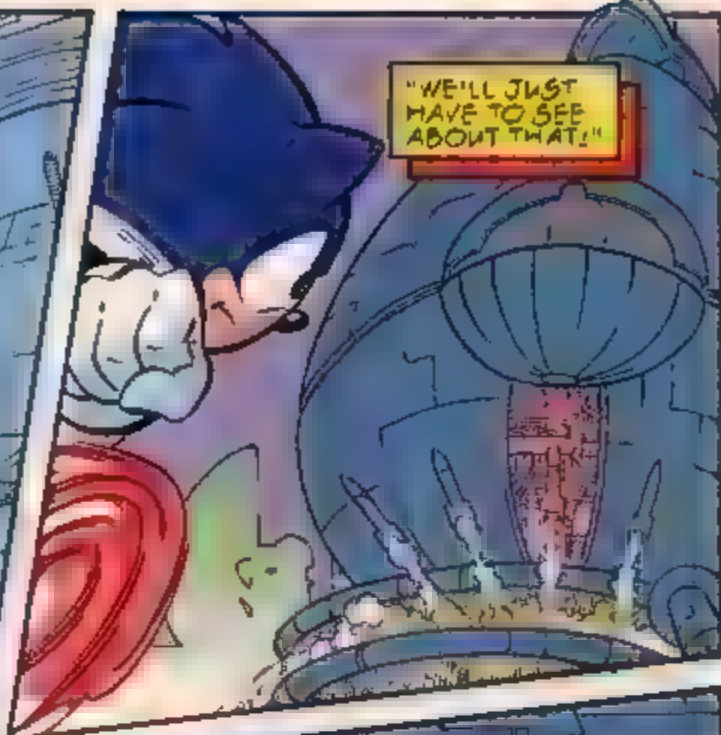
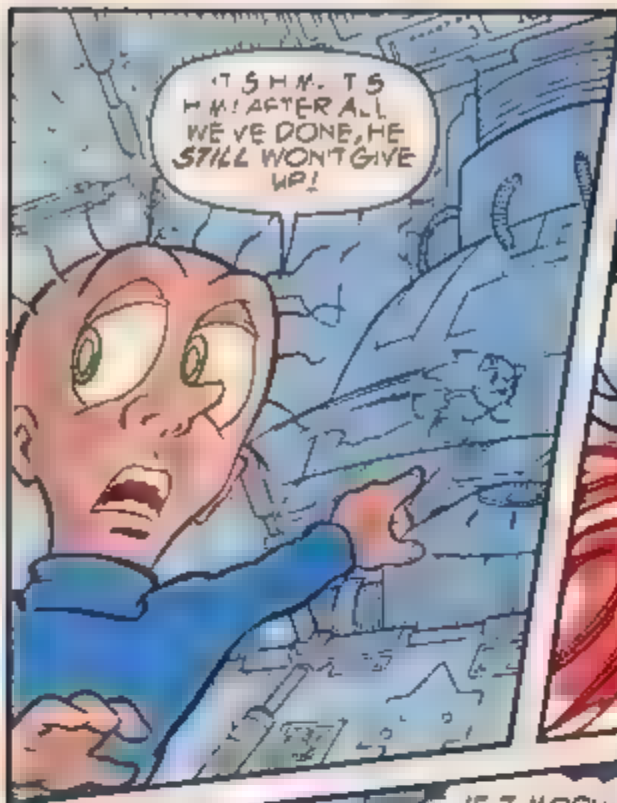
HOLY HANNAH,
ANTO NE I WALT AND
BARBY HELPING US
SMAGGLE OURSELVES
OUT OF CROCBOTS
PRISON CAMP WAS
ONE THING...

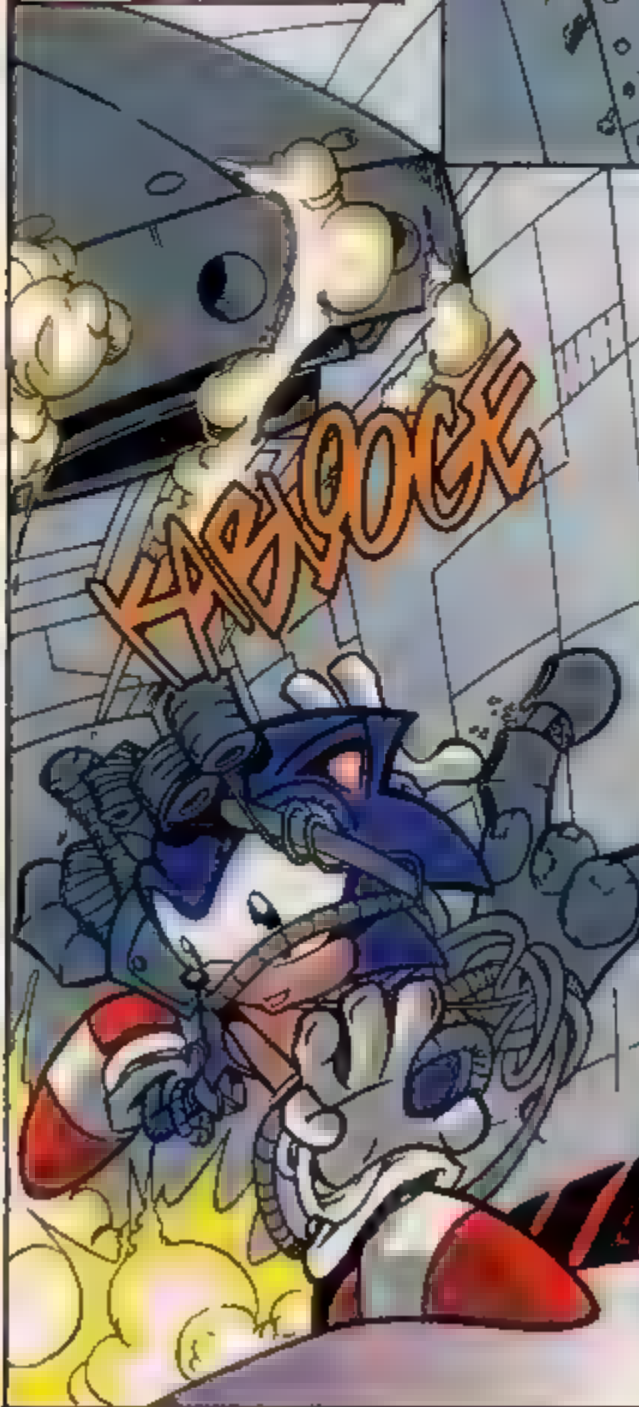
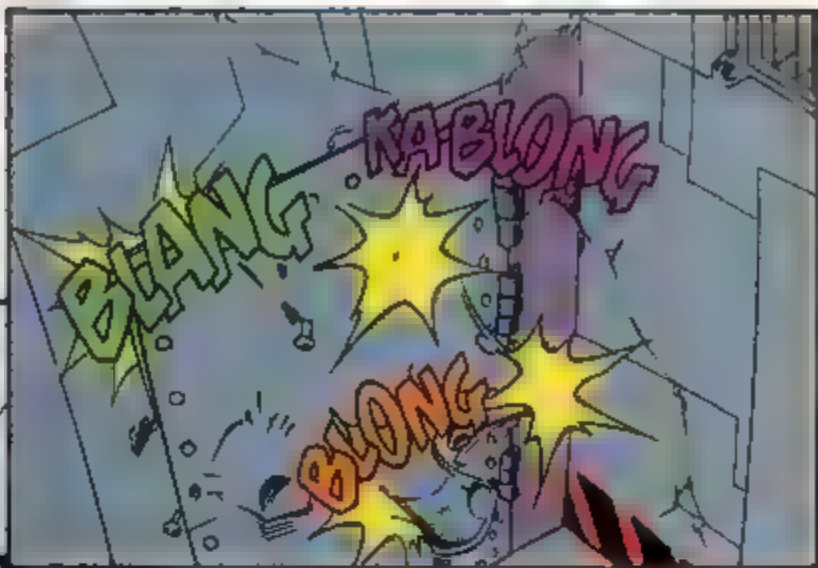
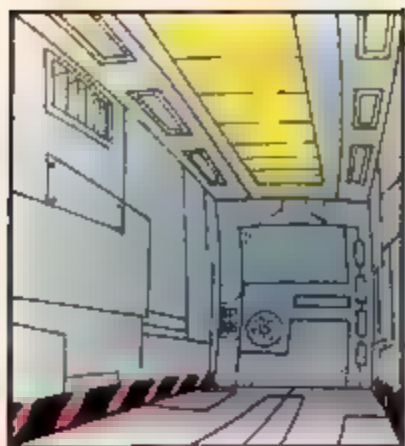
SHHH! OH I KNOW
BUT WE HAD NO IDEA ZEE
TRUE SCOPE OF ROBOTN K S
PLANS!



THERE CAN ONLY BE
ONE POINT OF VIEW ON
THIS WORLD. MINE! OH,
THOSE SMELLY FURBALLS.
HOW I ABOMNATE
THEM.

UH,
SIR...?

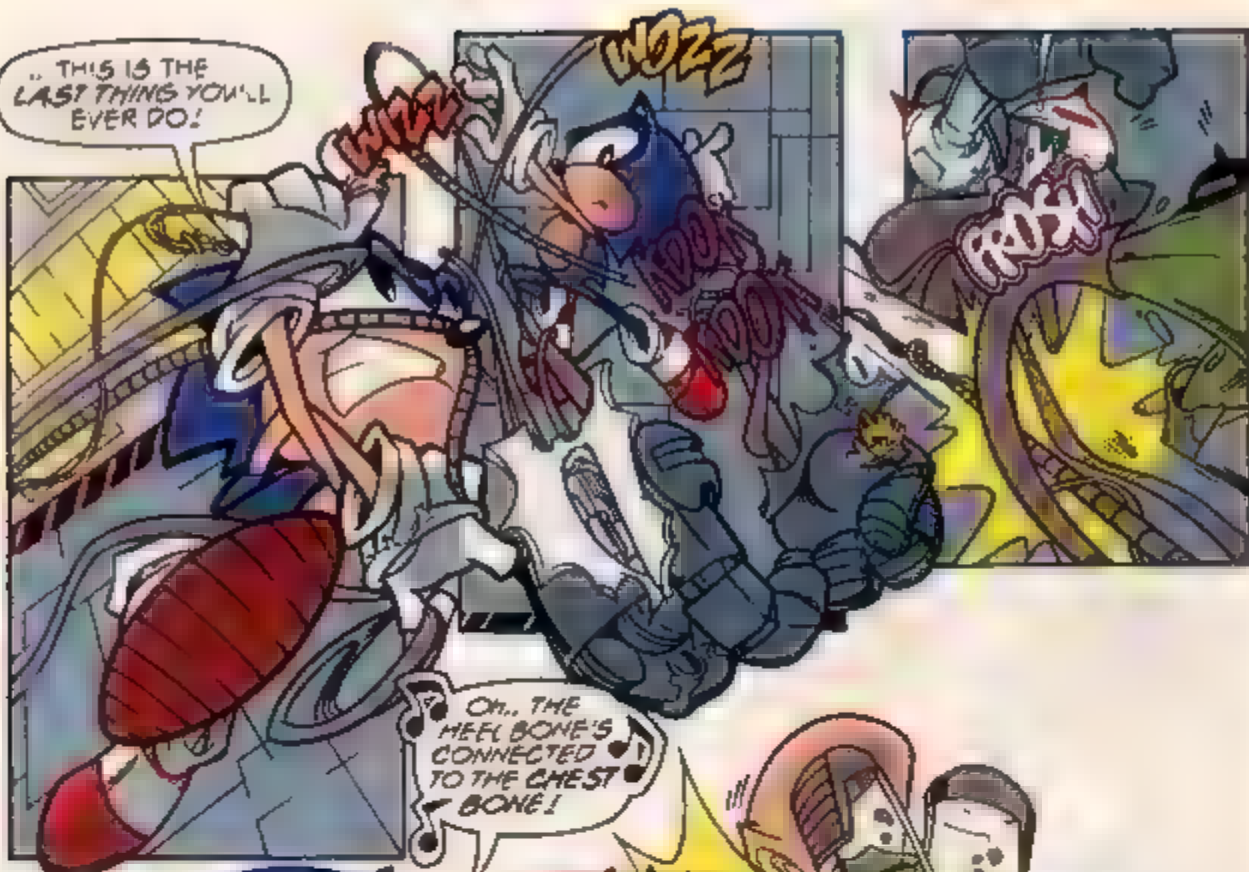




HEDGEHOG... IF THIS IS THE LAST THING I EVER DO, I'LL SEE YOU NEVER MAKE IT NS DE!

YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT ONE THING, NEEDLE-NOSE...

"THIS IS THE
LAST THING YOU'LL
EVER DO!"



OH... THE
HEEL BONE'S
CONNECTED
TO THE CHEST
BONE!

CRACKK

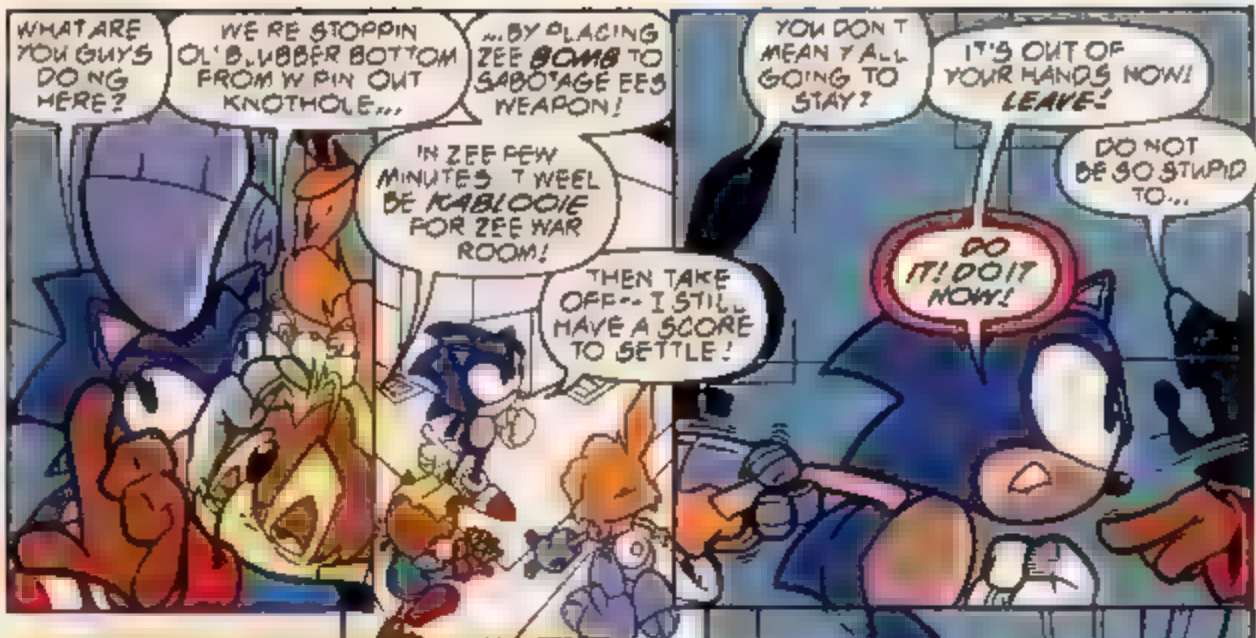
OH! OH! OH!
YOU HURT MY
STERNUM!



LOOKS LIKE
MY SIDE KICK SENT
ROBOTN'K'S SIDE-
KICK RIGHT DOWN
THE DRAIN!

AH!
HOOD!

GOOD! NOW
I CAN FOCUS MY
ATTENTION ON...
OOFF!



WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING HERE?

WE'RE STOPPING OL' BUBBER BOTTOM FROM WINNING OUT KNOTHOLE...

...BY PLACING ZEE BOMB TO SABOTAGE EES WEAPON!

YOU DON'T MEAN I'LL GOING TO STAY?

IT'S OUT OF YOUR HANDS NOW! LEAVE!

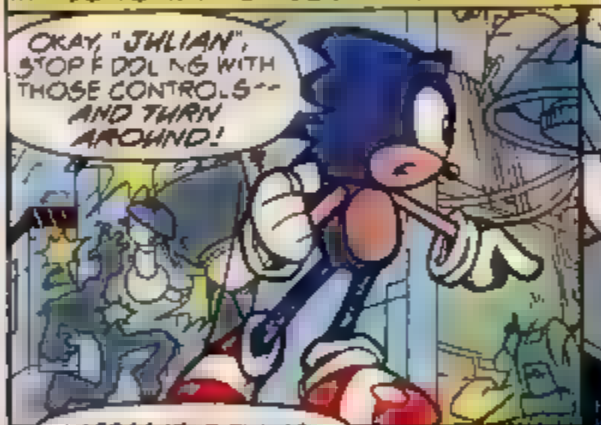
DO NOT BE SO STUPID TO...

IN ZEE FEW MINUTES I'LL BE KABLOOIE FOR ZEE WAR ROOM!

THEN TAKE OFF-- I STILL HAVE A SCORE TO SETTLE!

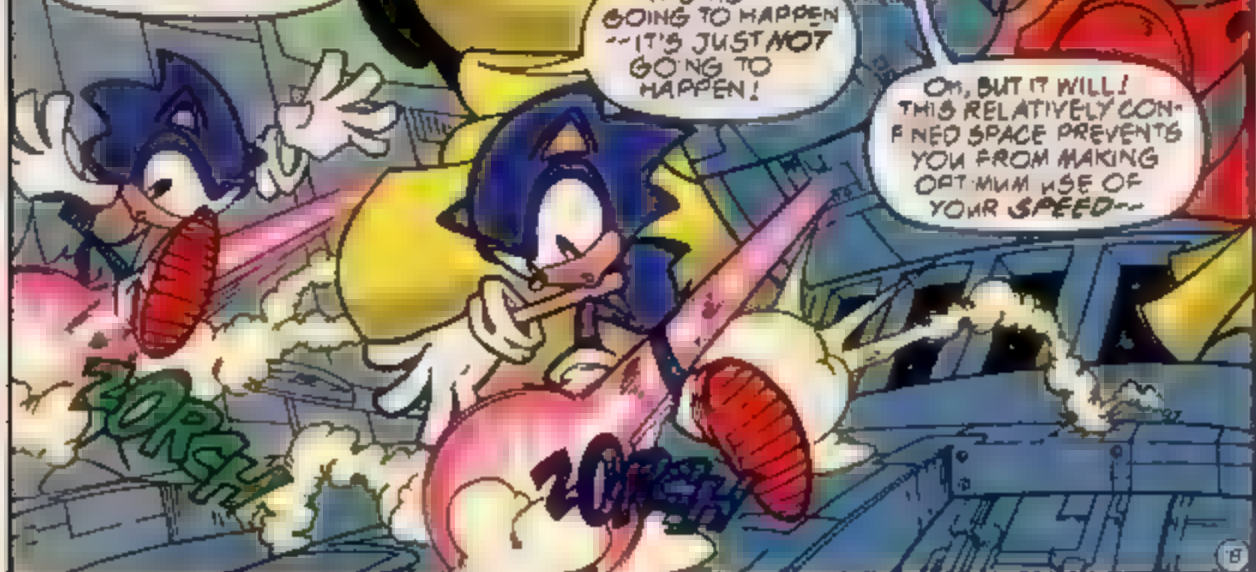
DO IT! DO IT NOW!

WITH AN UNCHARACTERISTIC DEEMANOR DEVOID OF HUMOR, THE LONE HERO MAKES HIS WAY TO ROBOTNIK'S WAR ROOM...



OKAY, "JULIAN", STOP FIDDLING WITH THOSE CONTROLS-- AND TURN AROUND!

IMPECCABLE TIMING, RODENT! I'VE NULLIFIED YOUR FRIENDS' VAIN ATTEMPT JUST IN TIME TO...



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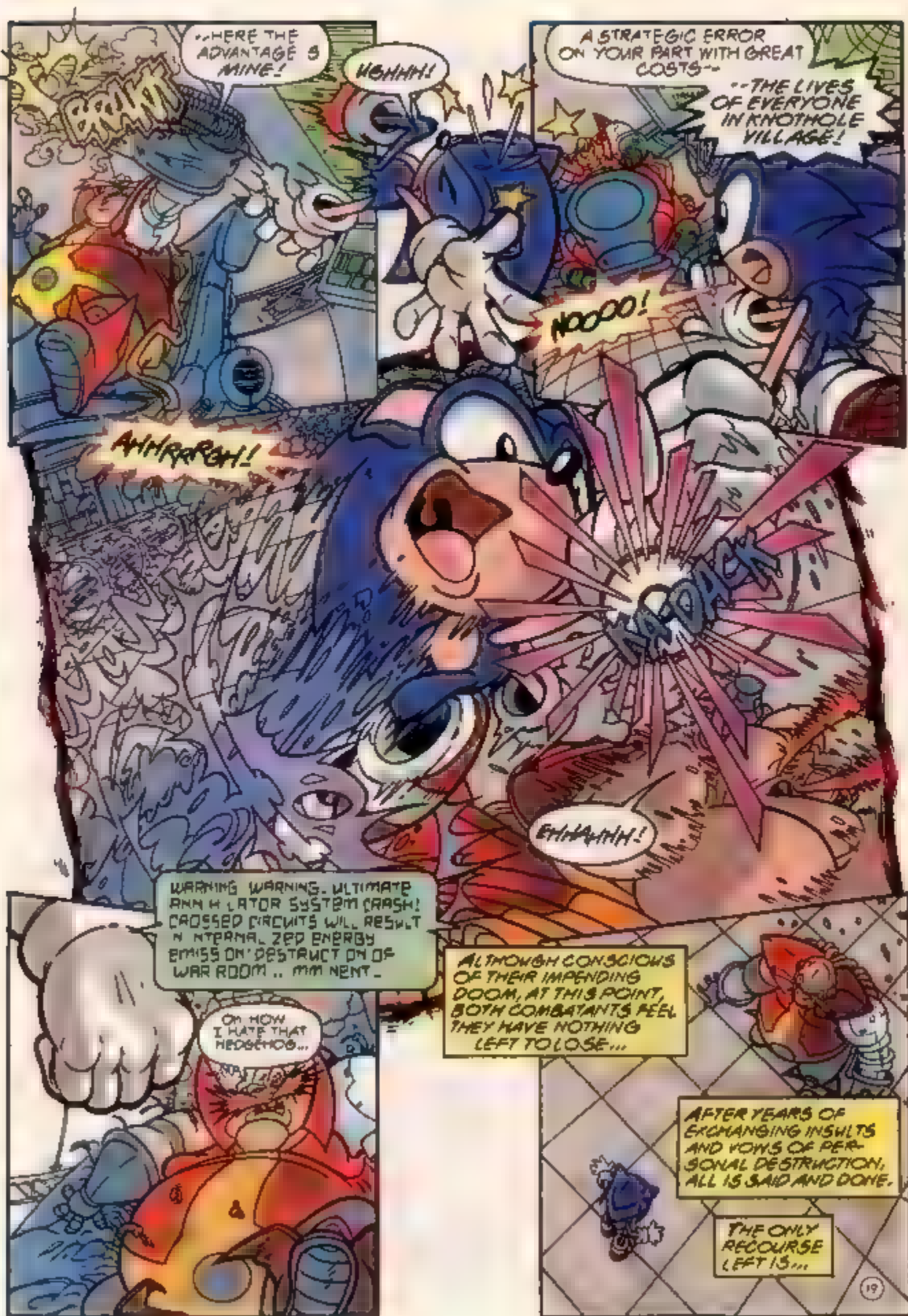
IT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN-- IT'S JUST NOT GOING TO HAPPEN!

...NULLIFY YOU!

OH, BUT IT WILL! THIS RELATIVELY CONFINED SPACE PREVENTS YOU FROM MAKING OPTIMUM USE OF YOUR SPEED--

ZORCH!

ZORCH!



...HERE THE ADVANTAGE IS MINE!

UHMMH!

A STRATEGIC ERROR ON YOUR PART WITH GREAT COSTS--

--THE LIVES OF EVERYONE IN KNOTHOLE VILLAGE!

NOOOO!

AMHRRGH!

KAPOW!

EMMAHHH!

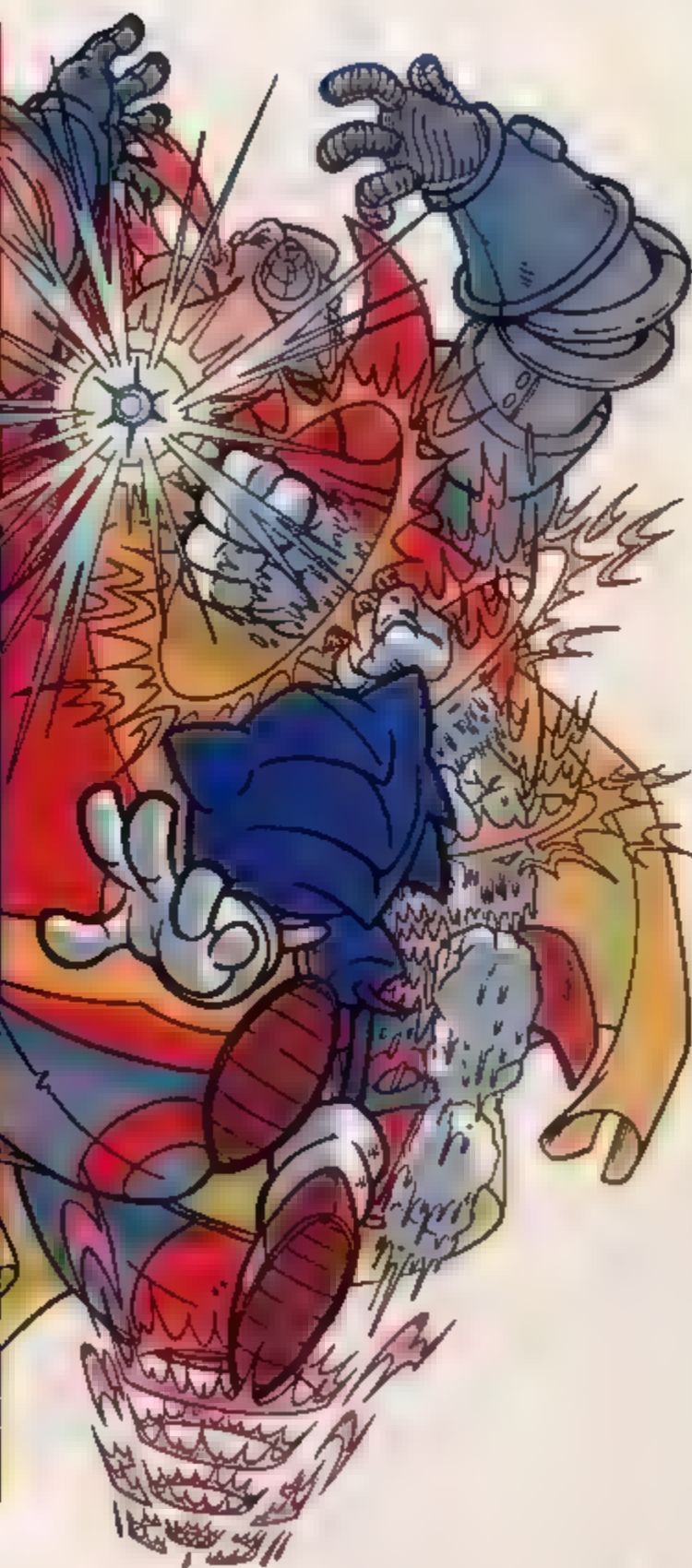
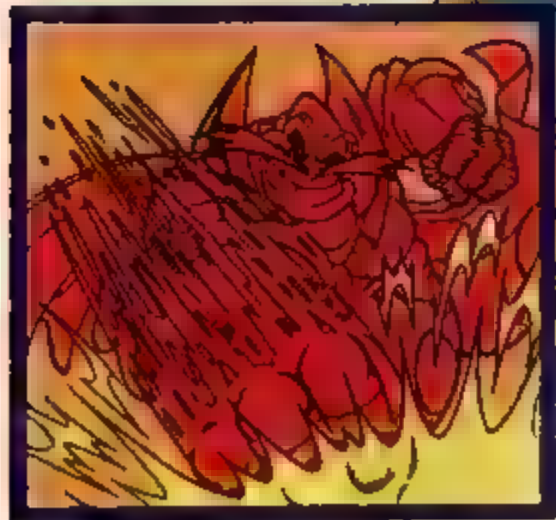
WARNING WARNING... ULTIMATE ANN H LATOR SYSTEM CRASH! CROSSED CIRCUITS WILL RESULT IN INTERNAL ZED ENERGY EMISSION DESTRUCTION OF WAR ROOM... MIM NENT...

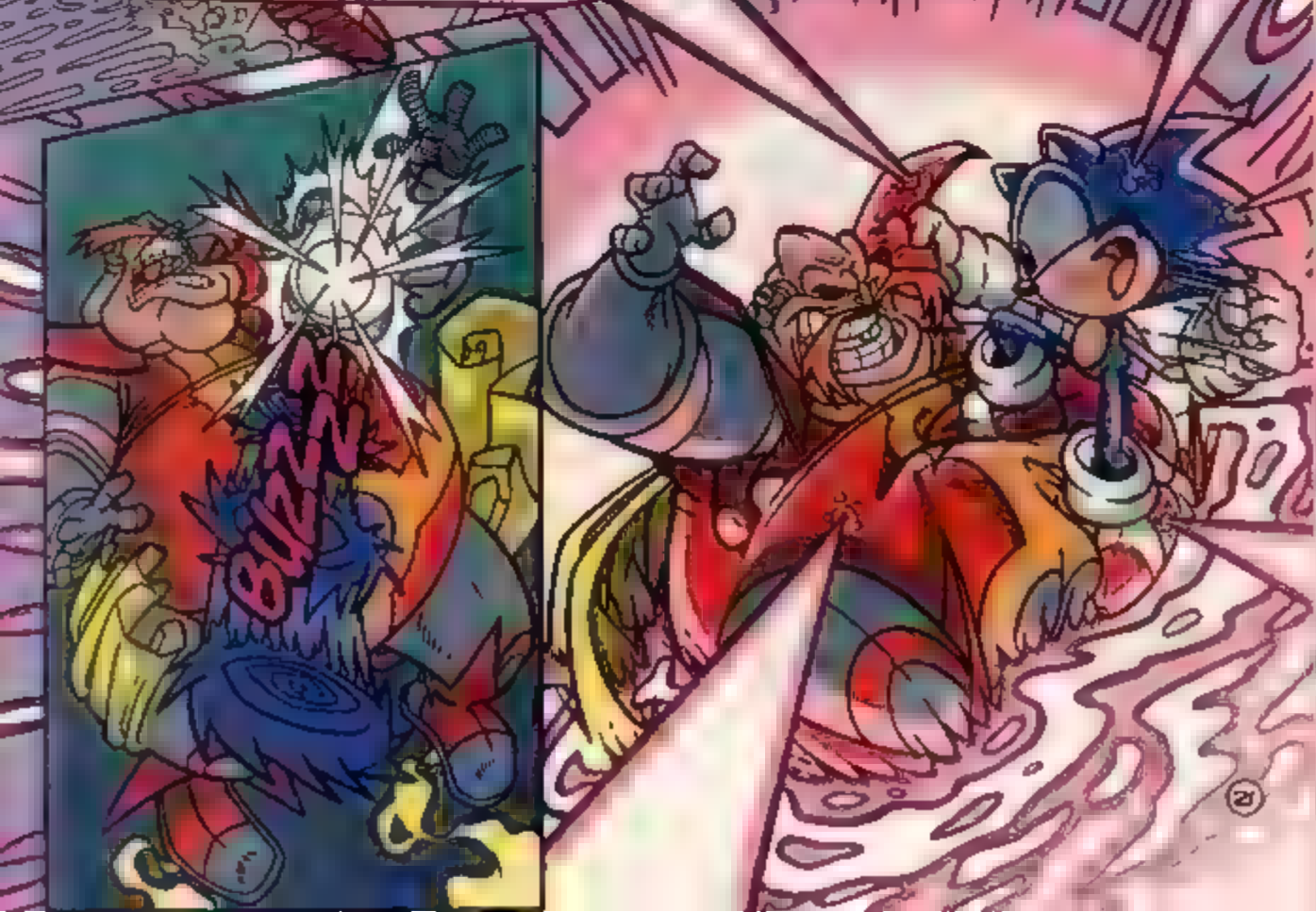
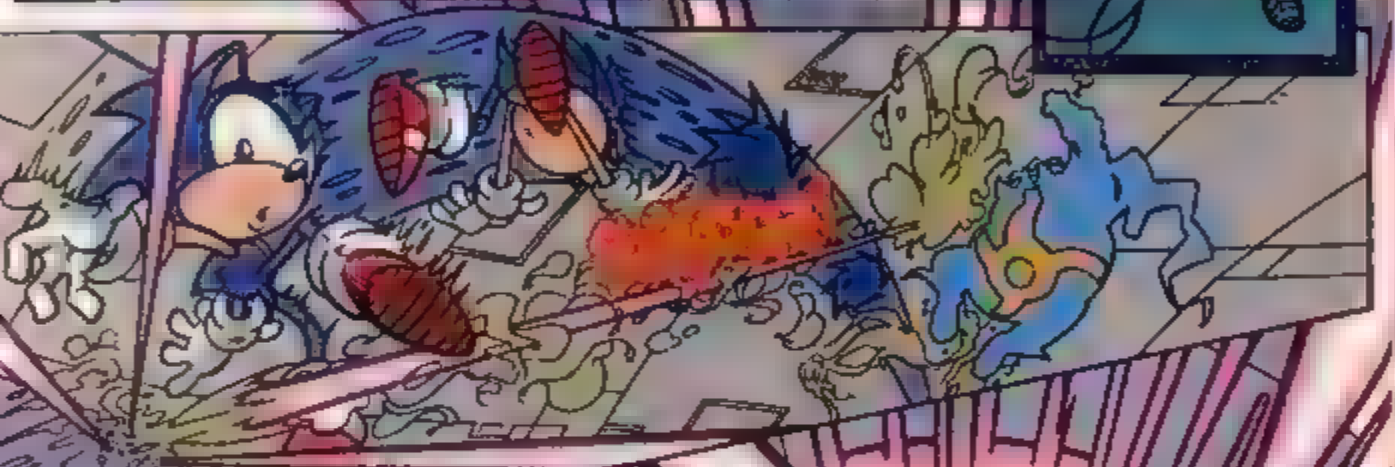
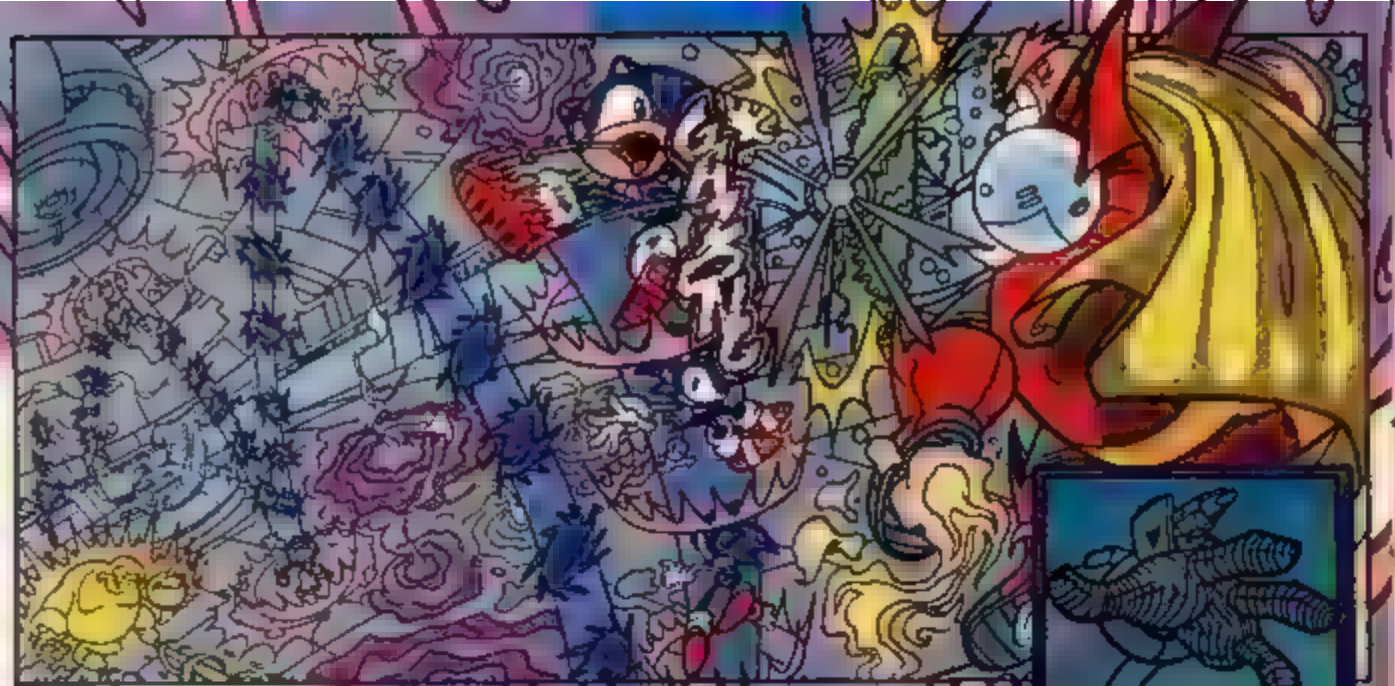
OH HOW I HATE THAT NEGOTIATOR...

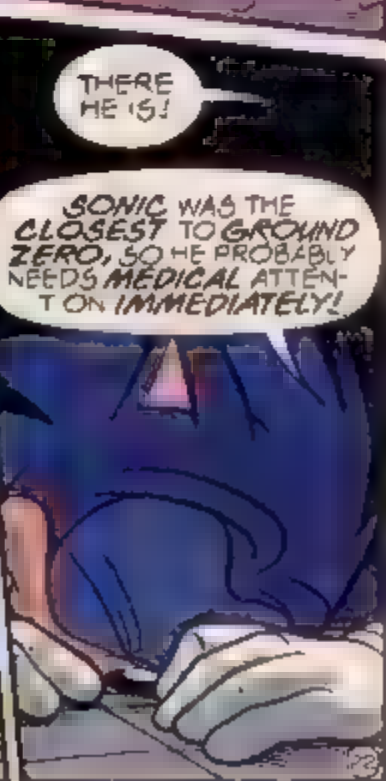
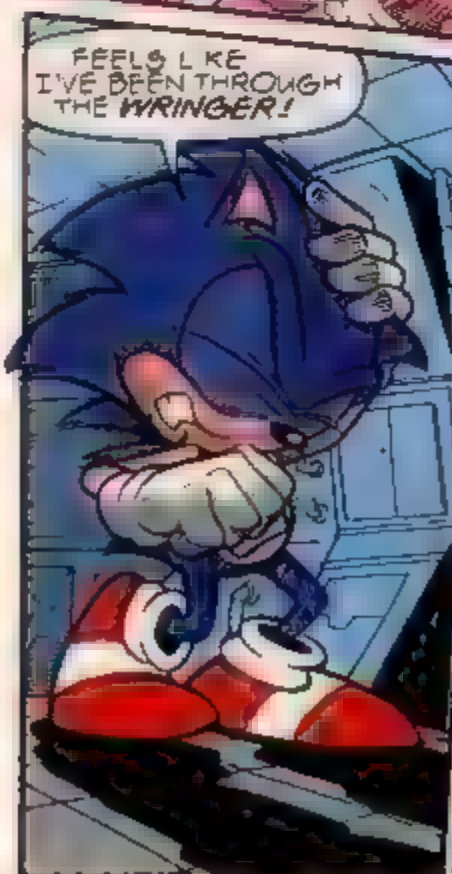
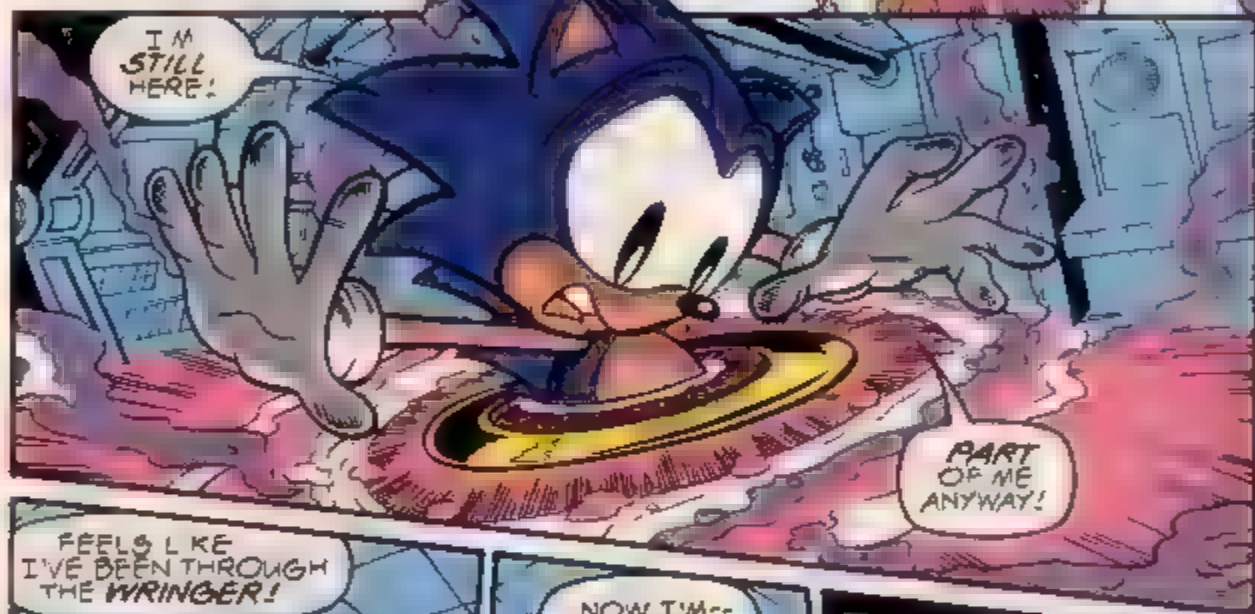
ALTHOUGH CONSCIOUS OF THEIR IMPENDING DOOM, AT THIS POINT, BOTH COMBATANTS FEEL THEY HAVE NOTHING LEFT TO LOSE...

AFTER YEARS OF EXCHANGING INSULTS AND VOYNS OF PERSONAL DESTRUCTION, ALL IS SAID AND DONE.

THE ONLY RECOURSE LEFT IS...









WHE--
WHERE AM
I?

ABOUT THE
YOU CAME TO YOUR
SENSES!

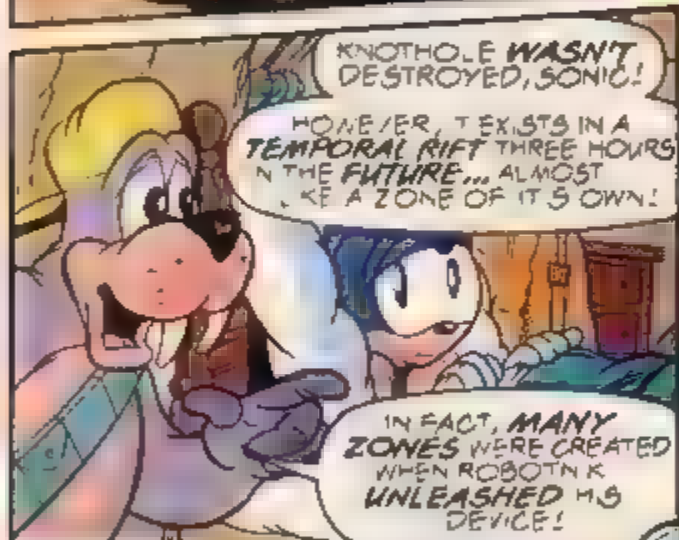
YOU'RE IN THE
MEDICAL FACILITY
BACK N KNOTHOLE!



OH MY GOSH!
WHAT?

BUT I SAW
KNOTHOLE GET
DESTROYED!

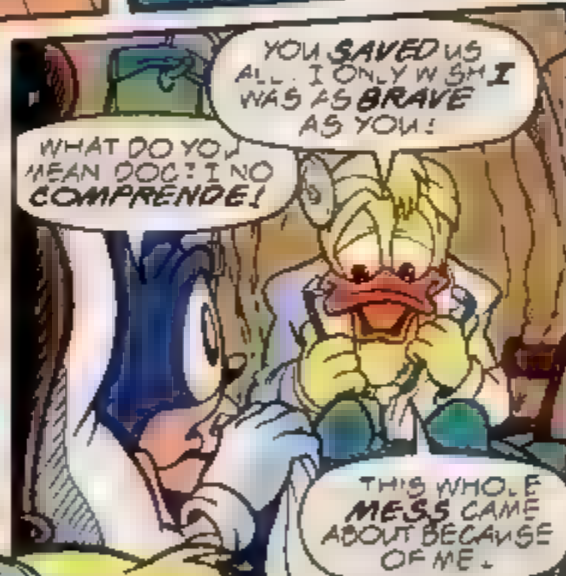
EASY, LAD!
EVERYTHING'S
FINE!



KNOTHOLE WASN'T
DESTROYED, SONIC!

HOWEVER, THERE EXISTS IN A
TEMPORAL RIFT THREE HOURS
IN THE FUTURE... ALMOST
LIKE A ZONE OF ITS OWN!

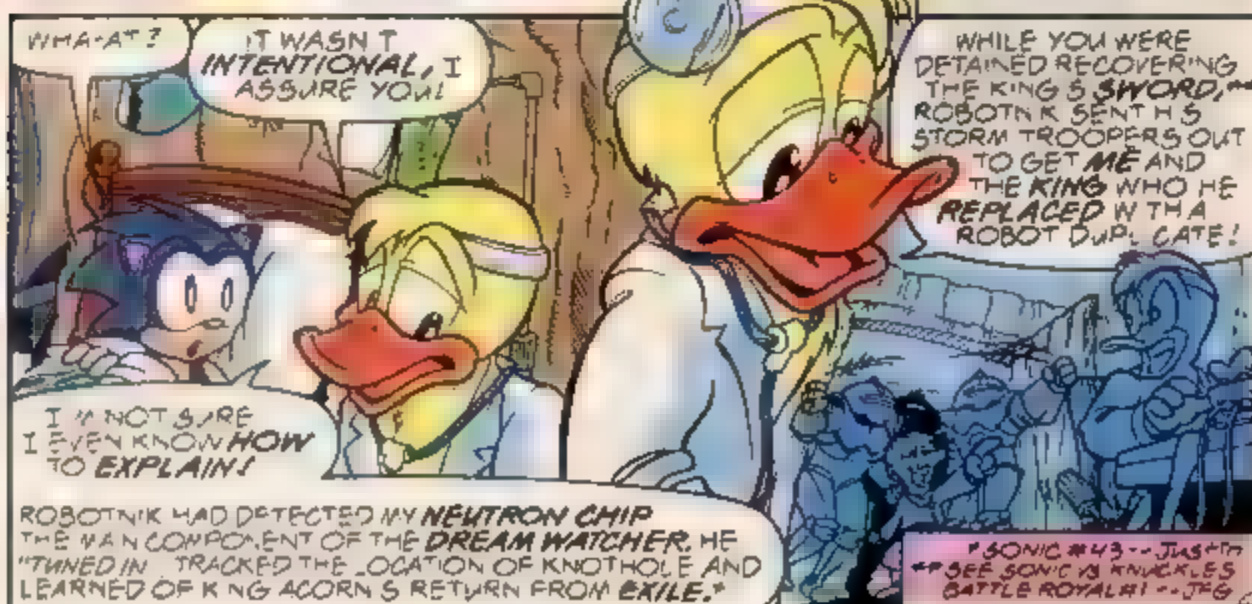
IN FACT, MANY
ZONES WERE CREATED
WHEN ROBOTNIK
UNLEASHED HIS
DEVICE!



YOU SAVED US
ALL. I ONLY WISH I
WAS AS BRAVE
AS YOU!

WHAT DO YOU
MEAN DOC? I NO
COMPREHEND!

THIS WHOLE
MESS CAME
ABOUT BECAUSE
OF ME.



WHA-AT?

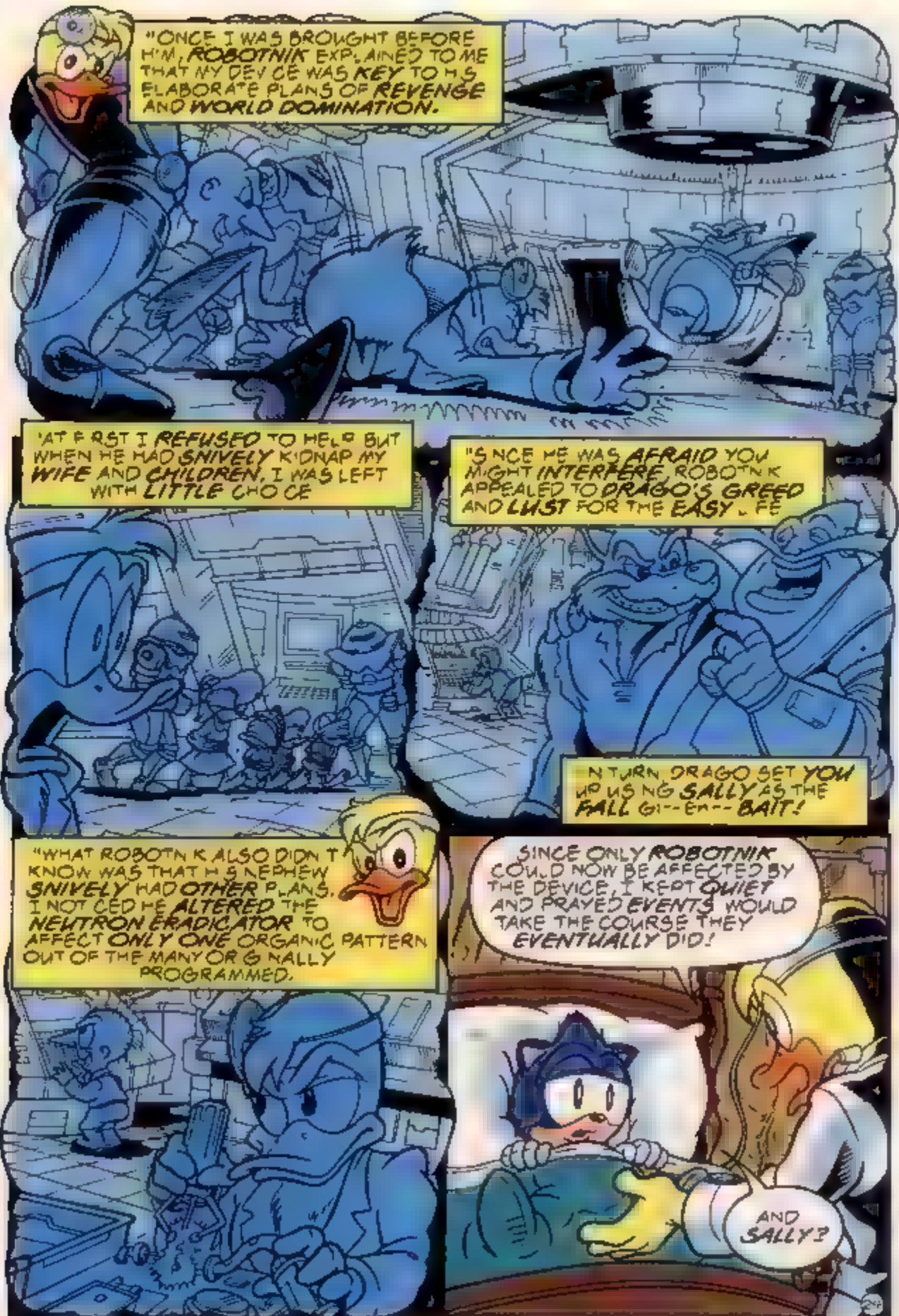
IT WASN'T
INTENTIONAL, I
ASSURE YOU!

I'M NOT SURE
I EVEN KNOW HOW
TO EXPLAIN!

ROBOTNIK HAD DETECTED MY NEUTRON CHIP
THE MAIN COMPONENT OF THE DREAM WATCHER. HE
"TUNED IN" TRACKED THE LOCATION OF KNOTHOLE AND
LEARNED OF KING ACORN'S RETURN FROM EXILE.

WHILE YOU WERE
DETAINED RECOVERING
THE KING'S SWORD,--
ROBOTNIK SENT HIS
STORM TROOPERS OUT
TO GET ME AND
THE KING WHO HE
REPLACED WITH A
ROBOT DUPLICATE!

* SONIC #43 -- JUST IN
** SEE SONIC VS KNUCKLES
BATTLE ROYAL #1 -- JEG



"ONCE I WAS BROUGHT BEFORE HIM, **ROBOTNIK** EXPLAINED TO ME THAT MY DEVICE WAS KEY TO HIS ELABORATE PLANS OF REVENGE AND WORLD DOMINATION.

"AT FIRST I REFUSED TO HELP BUT WHEN HE HAD **SNIVELY** KIDNAP MY WIFE AND CHILDREN, I WAS LEFT WITH LITTLE CHOICE

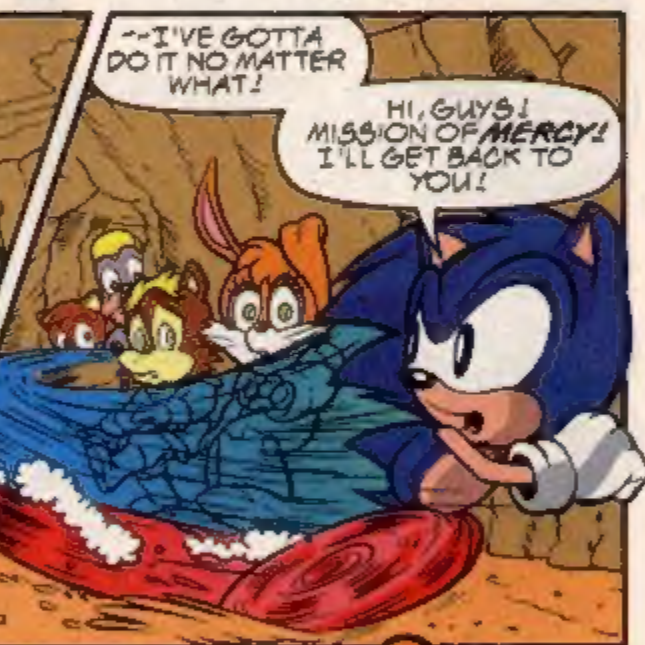
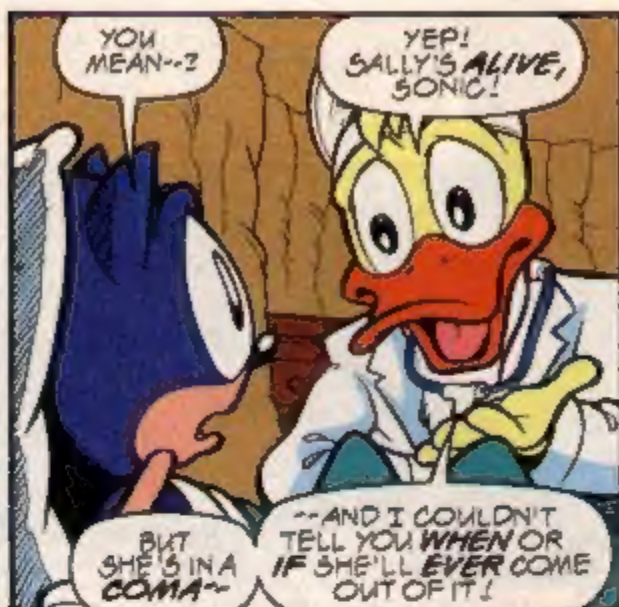
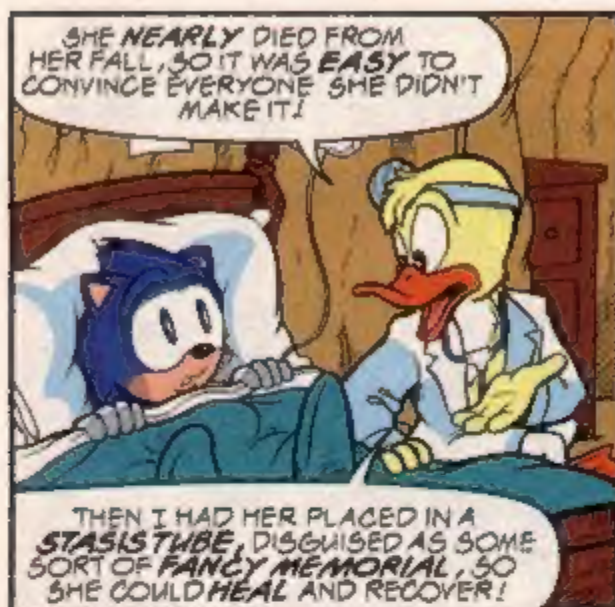
"SINCE HE WAS AFRAID YOU MIGHT INTERFERE, **ROBOTNIK** APPEALED TO **DRAGO'S** GREED AND LUST FOR THE EASY LIFE

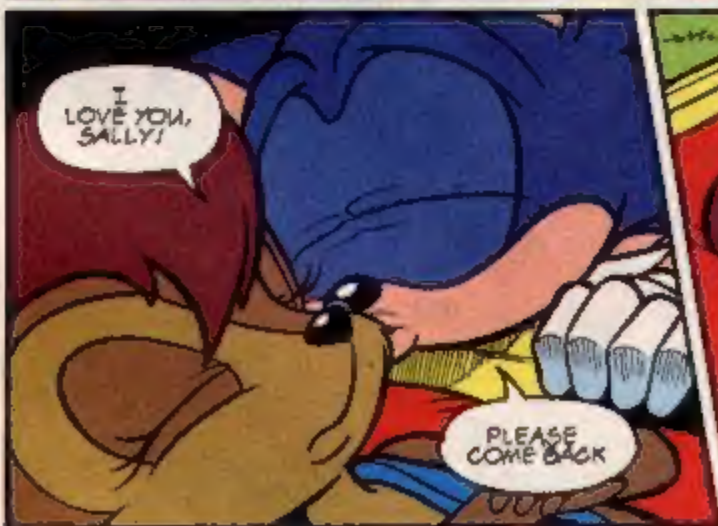
IN TURN **DRAGO** SET YOU UP USING **SALLY** AS THE FALL GI--EN--BAIT!

"WHAT **ROBOTNIK** ALSO DIDN'T KNOW WAS THAT HIS NEPHEW **SNIVELY** HAD OTHER PLANS. I NOTICED HE ALTERED THE **NEUTRON ERADICATOR** TO AFFECT ONLY ONE ORGANIC PATTERN OUT OF THE MANY ORGANICALLY PROGRAMMED.

SINCE ONLY **ROBOTNIK** COULD NOW BE AFFECTED BY THE DEVICE, I KEPT QUIET AND PRAYED EVENTS WOULD TAKE THE COURSE THEY EVENTUALLY DID!

AND SALLY?





I SAID--

I'M JUST
HAPPY TO SEE
YOU AGAIN!

AND SO, IT WASN'T LONG
BEFORE ORDER WAS RESTORED...

DOCTOR QUACK WAS EXONERATED
DUE TO EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES,
AND RESUMED LOOKING AFTER HIS
PATIENT, KING ACORN.

HERSHEY WAS FOR-
GIVEN FOR BEING
DRAGO'S DUPE.
SHE'S NOW A MODEL
CITIZEN.

MRS. QUACK AND THE
CHILDREN ARE DOING
FINE, THANK YOU.

THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WELCOMED BACK
THEIR FRIEND SONIC WITH WIDE OPEN ARMS
AND BEGAN PLANNING A BIG CELEBRATION

GEOFFREY ST. JOHN WAS
REINSTATED AS COMMANDER
OF HIS MAJESTY'S SECRET
SERVICE. HE AWAITS HIS
NEXT MISSION.

DRAGO WAS SENTENCED TO THE
DEVIL'S GULAG. SOMETHING
ABOUT A GOLD DAY IN A WARM
PLACE WAS MENTIONED AS TO
HOW LONG HIS SENTENCE
WOULD RUN.

AS FOR SNIVELY--
WELL, THAT'S ANOTHER
STORY FOR ANOTHER
DAY!

WELCOME ONE AND ALL TO OUR TOTALLY AWESOME FIFTIETH ISSUE CELEBRATION!

Sonic The Hedgehog has been running for twenty-five issues since his last celebration (and he thought the first twenty-five were tough) and here we are looking to see Sonic run fifty more. I think he's hedgehog enough to do it! Don't you?

Guiding the adventures of our favorite blue hedgehog has been as exciting as a runaway roller coaster ride!! Hopefully, it's been just as much fun for you to read it as it was for us to create it. Speaking of which, I'd like to thank all the Sonic writers and artists who have participated in creating the last fifty issues. I'd also like to thank our contacts Susan Suarez and Cynthia Wilkes at Sega of America and Helen Ball at Strategy Licensing. Special thanks goes to our intern Alaina Guglielmo for all her help.

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Ken Penders

P.S.: Look for Sonic writer/artist Ken Penders at the San Diego Comic Con, July 17-20!

As part of the "festivities," below is a pin-up by Sonic's first comic book artist, Scott Shaw! with dialogue by our own Paul Castiglia. Enjoy!



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